

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN STEVE VICK**, on January 12, 2001 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Vick, Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Matt McCann, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Stanley Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Pattison (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Art Peterson (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Paula Broadhurst, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 109, 1/9/2001
Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 109

SPONSOR: Rep. Jeff Mangan

PROPONENTS: None.

OPPONENTS: None

INFORMATIONAL WITNESS: Mike Batista, Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigation for the Department of Justice.

OPENING STATEMENT BY SPONSOR:

Rep. Jeff Mangan, HD 45, Great Falls, introduced HB 109. He remarked that a portion of this bill will change because a few months beforehand when he put the bill in, he hadn't realized the Department of Justice was pursuing a web site on sexual offenders. He commented that he has worked with Mike Batista from the Department of Justice, addressing needs for their sexual offender web site. He stated that the provisions in his bill will allow for an amendment to take out the appropriation which will allow them to do what needs to be done for the Department of Justice. He then talked about his neighborhood councils and their concerns about sexual offenders living in their neighborhoods. They wanted to know the procedure when sex offenders are released into neighborhoods and how distressing it is to those people who have sex offenders living in their neighborhoods and the issues it involves. Mr. Mangan helped put together a curriculum to clarify and give residents information on sexual offenders which is where HB 109 came from. He then went on to read some testimony from a neighborhood councilwoman from Great Falls regarding the sexual offender issue and HB 109 and how important this legislation is. **EXHIBIT (aph09a01)**

PROPONENTS TESTIMONY: None.

OPPONENTS TESTIMONY: None.

INFORMATIONAL WITNESS:

Mike Batista, Administrator for the Division of Criminal Investigation for the Department of Justice, spoke about the sexual offender website that has been set up and the information that it provides. He then passed around a card that the Montana Department of Justice had made with the Sexual and Violent Offender Registry website address on it. **EXHIBIT (aph09a02)**

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QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND RESPONSES:

Rep. Buzzas asked how they plan to advertise the website.

Mike Batista answered saying they had had a press release telling the public about the site and that a number of television channels have been doing the same.

Rep. Buzzas then asked if there was still a need for this bill.

Rep. Mangan answered that there is a need in case the website shut down and that the information needs to be available.

Rep. Vick asked if he felt it was important to have a law change to get the information asked of in the bill out.

Rep. Mangan answered by stating that he felt it is important that there be some language in statute that allows dissemination of the information via the website so no one can challenge it.

Rep. Vick asked if this requirement would add any extra cost for the upkeep of the website.

Rep. Mangan answered none whatsoever.

Rep. Vick asked about the Federal Grant to get the website up and running.

Rep. Mangan, answered it was from Federal monies.

Rep. Vick asked if he had anyone in mind to do his amendment when the committee came to HB 109.

Rep. Mangan stated perhaps Rep. Callahan from Great Falls.

CLOSING BY SPONSOR:

Rep. Mangan closed on HB 109.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:25 P.M.

REP. STEVE VICK, Chairman

PAULA BROADHURST, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph09aad)